



April Mentor/Youth Group Volunteering

We are going to help keep our Metroparks clean! On Saturday, April 17 in honor of Earth Day, we will be going to Stony Creek Metropark to help clean up the walking trails. Entrance to the park will be free for all of the volunteers and lunch will be provided to us. We will be meeting at 9 a.m. at Eastwood Beach and the clean up will last until noon. There will not be a charge for entering the park. This is a great opportunity to give back to your community and to teach your youth the value and satisfaction of volunteering. Also, it is always nice to go out to Stony Creek and walk through their beautiful nature trails- let's hope for good weather! Please call Rachel, Christy, or Seth to RSVP by April 15th. We hope you can make it!



April Mentor Support Group

On Thursday, April 22, the 4H Youth Mentor Program will be having a Mentor Support Group at CJ Barrymore's on Hall Road, West of Groesbeck from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We will be talking about different ideas of things to do with your youth, any concerns you may have, and also we will play a game of putt-putt golf! This meeting is for mentors only, you do not need to bring your youth. Please call Rachel, Christy, or Seth to RSVP. We hope you can make it!



National Volunteer Week April 18-24

April 18-24, 2004 has been proclaimed as National Volunteer Week. We at MSUE feel that we have the greatest volunteers in the world and we would like to thank you on behalf of ourselves and the youth in our program for all of your dedication, time, and caring. Without you, our children would miss out on great experiences!

Everybody can be great. Because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve. You don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Let no one be discouraged by the belief that there is nothing one person can do against the enormous array of the world's ills, misery, ignorance, and violence. Few will have the greatness to bend history, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events. And in the total of all those acts will be written the history of a generation.

Robert Francis Kennedy

We ourselves must be full of life if we are going to make life fuller for others.

David Sawyer



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March LST/MSG

On Wednesday, March 24 the 4-H Youth Mentor Program held a Life Skills Training for the youth on budgeting that ran concurrently with a Mentor Support Group for the mentors. Anne Lilla, with MSUE's



Housing Department, taught the lesson on budgeting to the youth.

Thank you Anne for your participation and your patience! The youth

learned about setting personal financial goals and steps they can take to achieve their goals and be able to have the finances to buy what they need. The mentors were given the opportunity to share ideas of different activities that they have done with their youth, talk about problems that they may have run into with their youth, and offered suggestions of activities for the entire group. Thanks!!

Macomb MSUE- Educational Services for Macomb Residents

MSU Extension is the non formal educational component of MSU formerly known as the Cooperative Extension Service. It is funded jointly by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, Michigan State University, and U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program extends the research-based knowledge of the University to address local needs identified by a community planning and assessment process with the residents.

MSU Extension values collaboration with its volunteers, participants, and community partners in identifying needs, extending learning in shared planning, teaching and assessing impact.

Putting knowledge to work, practical information that makes a difference in the lives of children, families, leaders, businesses, and the community at large is the desired outcome of MSU Extension educational programs and services. For more info, call (586) 469-5180.



Welcome to the Mentor Program

Thank You For Joining Us!!!

Kevin B.	Krisztina F.	Erik M.	Susan H.
Nicole U.	Rick S.	Kyle S.	

Things to do...

Here are a few ideas of things to do with your youth this month, if you have any other ideas, please let us know so we can add them in!

Detroit Zoo

April is a big month for the Detroit Zoo. Reserve the Mentor Program's zoo pass for free entry to the zoo!

Come visit **Bunnyville** on **Saturday, April 10.**

This event features treats, costumed characters, Krispy Kreme's popular doughnut dipping station, and photos with the Easter Bunny (\$5.00), plus a live mini-musical. There will also be a canned food drive for Gleaners, so please bring a canned food donation.



On **Saturday, April 24**, the Zoo is having an Earth Day celebration with costumed characters, an endangered species scavenger hunt, and live entertainment. Local conservation groups will be on hand to distribute information about their efforts to preserve and conserve the natural world.



Detroit Pistons

On Friday, April 2, the Detroit Pistons will be playing the Miami Heat at 8:00 p.m. at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets have been donated to our program from the Detroit Pistons (Thanks!) and will be available to our mentors and youth on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested, please call Rachel to make arrangements to get your tickets. Have a great time!



Jeremy T. 4/4
Julie J. 4/6
Terry B. 4/14
Paul A. 4/23
Christy L. 4/29

Mary C. 4/6
Jen S. 4/7
Kraig K. 4/18
Kendra C. 4/27